

The Maryland and Virginia Conference

The Maryland and Virginia conference will be held at Bethlehem two miles S. W. of Harrisonburg, Va., May 10 to 13 inclusive.

All who come should arrange to stay over Sunday as that will be the most important of all. The ministers will of course arrange to stay and be willing to be on duty. We hope to see a full delegation. All note the time of the meeting and make a special effort to attend. The ministering brethren should feel the importance of their being present at the conference. If it is impossible for you to be there be sure to send in a report of your work of the last conference year. Please don't say the work will go on without me, for you will be needed.

The program will be published in time for all to prepare the special work assigned. We urge that good papers be prepared on the various topics for discussion. *Earnestness* will make the conference a success.

The following are the chairmen of standing committees:

- On parochial reports, S. P. Fogle.
- On Sunday-school work, Joshua Long.
- On womans' work, Laura E. N. Hedrick.
- On educational work, J. M. Tombaugh.
- Executive committee, J. I. Hall.

If each of these committees does its duty it will be edifying to see how much confusion will be gotten rid of. We are anxious for a successful conference and trust all interested will help make it so. Let us all pray for a grand session. Let us do more than that. We must do our part in answering and God will do his. We will have more to say in regard to the conference soon.

J. I. HALL.

Pittsburg, Pa.

Some time has gone by since I have contributed to the EVANGELIST or reported the good work now going on. The church here in the city is progressing nicely under the pastorate of Brother Darling. The Bible School, Young Peoples' Society and prayer meeting all on the increase which is very satisfactory. The new church and parsonage will go up this summer if faith and works don't fail us. The building committee has been elected for the church which is our present board of trustees, C. R. Allenman, A. Baily, A. C. Barthley, W. C. Davis and D. J. Bole, up to this time we have a piece of ground 60x100 ft. and one dollar in cash to erect a church and parsonage, in short about all we have at this time is faith and push, the work later on and the paying for it. We all shall stand united, pay what we can and trust the Lord for the raising and paying the balance. Our work in Armstrong and Washington Co. seems to be progressing nicely and hope to report some conversions in the near future. These churches are without a pastor out side what little assistance I am able to give them, and will continue till they can make other arrangements. I can do this along with my other work and still remain in the city this summer and help with

the erection of our new church which will require the effort of all.

D. J. BOLE.

Waterloo, Ia.

Our S. S. C. E. of the Enon church met today at the home of our vice president, Mrs. Will Miller.

We made sun bonnets and dusting caps. We are also making a quilt and a piece of rag carpet. Some of the sisters whose home duties keep them from attending our work meetings piece blocks and sew rags at home and so assist even when they cannot meet with us. We lost some of our good workers last month when the Hoover and Whipkey families moved to Dakota, which means that the rest of us must make a greater effort to make our meetings what they ought to be.

When we were at National conference, at Warsaw, last fall, Miss Detwiler gave me eight of the brick cards for the Washington church, to give to the churches in this district. Two of them are being used here in our own church and I sent the others to the Lanark, Milledgeville, Hudson, Brooklyn, Montour and Garrison churches. I hope they will all be filled out and sent this month in time to help buy the Washington church.

ETTA GILLIN.

Ind. Mission Items

The pastors and the churches they represent who have responded to our call for an offering on Easter Sunday for state mission work.

- W. J. H. Bauman, Edna Mills.
- W. W. Summers, College Corner, Darwin, Poplar Grove and Lapaz.
- B. H. Flora, North Manchester and Napanee.
- L. S. Bauman, Roann and Mexico.
- Wm. H. Miller, Cornith and Brethren Chapel.

D. F. Eikenbery, Mt. Union.

G. W. Rench, Millford.

A total of seven pastors who represent thirteen churches. Can I not at once hear from all pastors so we may know what to expect and on whom to call?

A few points to remember. The date for the offering, Easter Sunday.

That our expenses will be double by Brother Ditch giving us one half of his time to the state work.

That there are many places which need to be built up, also good openings are presenting themselves. How much does the weight of church extension rest on your soul? What will you sacrifice for Christ and the church? Bear in mind that whatever you have to offer, be it but a unite, will be cheerfully received. May I not hear from you as minister or laity, whichever it be and thus have your help in the work you gave us?

WM. H. MILLER.

Sec. M. B. of B. ch. of Ind.

From the North

Beloved in the Lord to whom this may come greeting, it is with pleasure that we thus address two or three thousand of the

dear Father's children. By way of encouragement I will say that we are still pressing on toward the better land knowing it to be a fact that all that press lawfully shall reach the mark, that all that strive lawfully shall win in the end. All that follow the captain shall conquer. Darkness must and will give place to light. Victory is of the Lord and we shall win. Bless his holy name brethren and sisters, we have got the banner only let it wave over the home of the brave. Oh, may the battle cry of freedom echo and re-echo thru-out this fair land and all lands. Brethren stand fast, quit you like men, be strong in the Lord and the power of his might and we will win. The cause is a just one, it is a righteous one and cannot fail if we all do our duty, the stone was cut out of the mountain and set rolling by the great I Am and all the combined forces of hell cannot stop it. Cheer up then my Father's children the Washington city church is bound to be paid for, and the Chicago city church is to be paid for, and we thru Christ will win in the end for we can do all things thru Christ which strengthens us.

We met and reorganized our union S. S. which is to commence the first Sunday in April.

WALTER CLARK.

Winchester, Ohio

On last Monday evening we closed a four weeks meeting with twenty-one confessions and we have reasons to believe they are all true conversions. And many others are seriously impressed and will likely come soon. The church is much edified. All is peace, love and good will. Brother J. M. Bowman, of Miamasburg, Ohio, was with us and did the preaching. He preached some able sermons which were well received and were effectual. Brother Bowman is a great Bible student and is familiar with the word of God. On the last evening of our meeting Brother Bowman received the sad intelligence of the death of his mother which brought grief and sorrow, and the whole congregation was in sympathy with him and our closing seemed like a funeral. We were all sorry that he had to leave us so sudden. The sympathy and prayers of the church and many warm friends go with him. We praise the Lord for what he has done for us. Pray for us.

JOSIAH KEIM.

Notice

Sunday, April 1, would be the regular time for the second quarterly contribution from the churches for the general missionary work. But as our president of the Young People's Societies has set April 8th for their day, I think it proper the day should be made a general missionary day by all the churches. Therefore let us remember, and on SUNDAY APRIL EIGHTH, bring in our contributions for the Lord's work. This is for the General Missionary Board of the church. Let us make the day one for special prayer for missions and offerings.

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